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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced the following information concerning the commercial salmon troll fishery:

The Southeast/Yakutat commercial troll fishery **will be extended through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2013, to the retention of all species except king salmon.**

The areas of Frequent High King Salmon Abundance [5 AAC 29.025] will remain closed.

The extension is being implemented based on projections by the department that escapement goals will be met after considering harvest and effort. Recent catch rates in the drift gillnet fisheries have generally been above average. The wild coho salmon return and all-gear commercial are projected to be 5.73 and 3.32 million respectively. Both projections are well-above average and second only to 1994, when the coho salmon run was the largest on record.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing. The operator of a fishing vessel whose port of delivery is outside the state of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported out of the State. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

TERMINAL AND SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (THA AND SHA)

The Port Armstrong SHA will close to trolling at 11:59 p.m., September 14 to ensure that broodstock needs are met.

The Mist Cove SHA will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, with the following restriction:

Waters are closed to commercial trolling inside of a line from 56°31.07' N. latitude, 134°40.20' W. longitude to 56°31.07' N. latitude, 134°40.12' W. longitude.

The Hidden Falls THA will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., October 10, with the exception of the following restriction:

Waters are closed north and west of a line between a point at 57°13.17' N. latitude, 134°51.86' W. longitude and a point at 57°13.08' N. latitude, 134°52.02' W. longitude, and the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N. latitude, 134°52.24' W. longitude and a point at 57°13.06' N. latitude, 134°52.20' W. longitude.

The Anita Bay THA will remain open to trolling for all species through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

The waters of Neets Bay west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island will remain open to trolling as part of West Behm Canal through 11:59 p.m., September 30. The Neets Bay SHA, east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island to the head of the bay will remain closed for the season.

The Nakat Inlet THA will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

WINTER TROLL FISHERY

The 2013–2014 winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2013. The *2013–2014 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available by early October in all ADF&G area offices and on the troll fishery website.

The 2013 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollsummer.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6213.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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